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The history of most ancient nations and of some in modern times has been illustrated by the numismatist. But probably most people at first thought would doubt the possibility of giving a view of Colonial times by means of medals. The "American Colonial History, Illustrated by Contemporary Medals" (Scott Stamp and Coin Company), by the late G. Wyllis Betts, dispels this illusion. The volume is edited by William T. R. Marvin, A. M., and Lyman Haynes Low, with an explanatory preface by Frederic H. Betts. Little space is wasted on purely literary matter, and yet the material fills a volume of over three hundred large pages. Both the author and editors of the book agree that other medals may yet be found belonging to early American history. Fac-similes of coins are numerous by way of illustration. The frontispiece is a portrait of Admiral Vernon. The book should be of great usefulness to all students of American history.

Volume third, "Orations and Addresses of George William Curtis" (Harper & Brothers), edited by Charles Eliot Norton, is nearer to pure literature than those which have preceded it. The orator is here no longer dealing directly with problems like slavery or civil service reform, but with the memory of distinguished men or with the commemoration of events comparatively remote. Such names as Lowell, Bryant, Burns, Garrison, Sumner, Phillips, Washington, must have awakened the sympathetic historical and literary critic not less than the public speaker in the person of Curtis. His minute study of literary peculiarities was never better shown than in the oration on Bryant. There is patriotism of a century's growth in the orations at the centennial celebration of the Concord fight and on the scene of Burgoyne's surrender. It is impossible to read these carefully worded addresses without feeling that they have a permanent place in American literature.

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A second edition of Charles Linnan's "Biographical Annals of the Civil Government of the United States" has been made by Joseph M. Morrison, who is also the publisher of the work. The changes and additions imply a great deal of labor, and the effort is evident to include every name, even of slight importance, that belongs within the lines indicated by the title. A few names of recent or living men will be found out of their proper place, because data required was obtained too late. The volume is copiously illustrated with portraits and views of public buildings.

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